

Pursuance of a decree rendered by the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Mississippi at Jackson in said District on Wednesday the 7th day of October, 1874. In the matter of the estate of Seelig & Co., Bankrupts, the undersigned Assignee of Seelig & Co. proceeded to sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the door of the Court House in the town of Greenville on the 20th day of December, 1874, following described property estate of said Seelig & Co., Bankrupts, to-wit: Lot No. 15 of Block No. 5, measuring 55 feet on street by 125 feet deep, and lot No. 14 of Block 6, measuring 55 feet on Main street by 175 feet deep, all of said property being in the town of Greenville, Mississippi; also the following described property and estate situate in the town of Barnard, in the County of Chicot and State of Arkansas, and described as follows: One lot of ground with a warehouse on the same, situate and lying in lot 4, in square 18, fronting 50 feet on front street and running back 112 feet on the street, all of which said property will be sold under said decree of said court, wherein Hirschler was the petitioner, and the sale on said day between hours prescribed by law. JACOB ALEXANDER, Assignee.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Mississippi, Washington County. March term, 1875. In the case of L. L. Langfield, adm'r., vs. J. C. McMurphy, and J. C. Sanders & Co. The virtue of the above execution, do directed, I shall expose to sale, at the door of the Court House in Greenville, within the hour prescribed by law, to the best bidder, for cash, on the 1st day of December next, all the title and interest of the defendant, J. C. McMurphy in and to following described property, to-wit: Lot 10, Second Addition Town Greenville. The same having been levied upon the property of the defendant, J. C. McMurphy, and will be sold to the plaintiff's claim and all claims against it. O. WINSLOW, Sheriff of Washington County. W. H. SMITH, D. S. Dist.

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GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON CO., MISS., SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 1874.

NO. 16.

MEETING OF TAXPAYERS.

Pursuant to a call made by a number of the leading citizens of the county, a very large meeting was held at the Court House in the town of Greenville on the 18th instant, to consider the interests of the tax payers, and if possible lift the load of taxation that otherwise must prove ruinous to the property holders of the entire community.

On motion, W. E. Hunt was made temporary chairman, and on whose motion Charles T. Worthington was called upon to preside over the meeting.

On motion, the following Vice Presidents were chosen from the several magisterial districts: M. F. Johnson, W. W. Stone, Augustine Chew, James Stone, W. P. Montgomery and S. Archer.

On further motion, D. L. Stone was made Secretary of the meeting.

A desire being expressed to hear the views of members of the meeting as to what means could be devised to relieve them of the taxes so soon to be collected, Messrs. Paxton, Frank Valliant, Trigg, Percy, S. Archer and Bolton were called for, each of whom, after stating the wrongs inflicted upon the property owners, and the causes of such a general inability to meet any taxes at this time, urged upon the citizens of the county to stand as a body, and if necessary and prudent to resist the collection of any taxes whatever.

On motion, the Chair appointed Messrs. W. A. Percy, M. F. Johnson, S. Archer, L. B. Valliant, J. C. Estill, — Cowan and A. J. Paxton a committee to draft resolutions; and Messrs. B. T. Worthington, W. E. Hunt, Davis Buckner and W. H. Bolton were in like manner appointed to wait upon the Board of Levee Commissioners and use their efforts to secure a reduction of the tax of one cent per pound on cotton and ten cents per acre on land, and if possible to dispense entirely with these taxes.

On further motion a committee of three, composed of Messrs. W. R. Trigg, W. G. Yerger, and C. W. Lewis, was appointed by the Chair to call upon the Board of Supervisors (then in session) and ask of them a reduction of the county taxes to the extent of their lawful authority.

On motion the meeting adjourned till the following day (17th), to give the different committees ample time to make their reports.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17.

The meeting reassembled at the time appointed and reports from committees were presented.

The Chairman of the Committee who waited upon the Levee Board reported their inability to secure but a slight reduction in the taxes mentioned as levied by them.

The committee to wait upon the Board of Supervisors to ask a reduction of county taxes met with a like response—that they were unwilling to assume the responsibility of reducing said taxes.

The Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions proceeded to read the resolutions, as follows:

Whereas, for the past five years, in spite of our earnest protests and persistent efforts, the rate of taxation imposed upon us, and which we have been forced to pay, has steadily grown greater year by year, whilst the values of property have as steadily decreased and in about the same ratio; and whereas, all effort to reduce or check the same has been unavailing, and the protests of an indignant and crying of a despairing people, have been alike unheeded by our corrupt and rapacious rulers; and whereas, we do earnestly believe that the power of taxation has been subverted from its true purpose—that of maintaining a pure and well-ordered government, administered in the interests of the people—into a source of wealth for corrupt officials and venal politicians; and whereas, taxation for all of its legitimate purposes has proven an utter failure, and is a success only as a means of bankrupting the State, and impoverishing the people; and whereas, the taxes for the present year amount in the aggregate to a sum so enormous as to render their payment a simple impossibility, and to induce us rather to see our property forfeited than to attempt their payment; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we, the tax payers of Washington county, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby bind and pledge ourselves, one to the other, to refuse and resist, by all legal means, the payment of any and all taxes levied for the current fiscal year upon real estate of which we are the owners, or

which we have under our control. Resolved, further, that we urge and invite the co-operation with us of every tax payer, white and colored, in Washington county, in this effort to save ourselves from impending ruin.

Resolved, further, That we recognize the fact that a certain amount of taxation is necessary to the maintenance of all governments, and would cheerfully pay of the present taxes what would be necessary for that purpose, were it possible to do so, but we have found it impossible to obtain any reduction in the levy, and through the tax gatherer's machinery must pay all or none.

Resolved, further, That we take this step in no spirit of resentment, with no intent to produce discord and civil commotion and with no purpose of obstructing the State and County Governments in the due and legitimate exercise of their powers, but as the result of mature and earnest thought, with a full knowledge of the consequences and a steady determination to abide them, and as the shortest road out of utter ruin, and the only means left us with which to secure safety for the present and relief for the future.

Resolved further, That in union and organization we must find our strength and for that purpose we invite the co-operation of the tax-payers in each county in the State and urge the organization of the Tax-Payers' League to act in concert for the preservation of our common rights and interests.

Resolved further, That the Chairman of this meeting appoint active and efficient men in each neighborhood of the county for the purpose of securing the signature of every tax-payer upon real estate to these resolutions, and that for that purpose the Secretary of this meeting be required to furnish the requisite number of copies.

Resolved further, That the persons so appointed be and are hereby instructed to report to an adjourned "tax-payers' meeting" to be held at the Court-House in Greenville, on the 27th day of November, and that each land-owner in the county is earnestly requested to be present at said meeting.

Resolved further, That this meeting now adjourn and that we proceed forthwith to the organization of a Tax-Payers' League for the county of Washington.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the Greenville Times and the Vicksburg Herald.

W. A. PERCY, MATTHEW JOHNSON, STEVENSON ARCHER, A. J. PAXTON, L. B. VALLIANT, J. C. ESTILL.

The same were adopted with but one dissenting voice.

On motion a committee composed of Messrs. Paxton, Archer and Buckner were appointed to select a requisite number of citizens from each precinct in the county to secure the pledge of every tax payer to co-operate in enforcing the resolutions adopted.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were selected: First District—Matt. F. Johnson, Charles Worthington, Henry Garver. Second District—John Nutt, James Stone, Merritt Williams, James Buckner.

Third District—Victor Montgomery, W. E. Hunt, E. Bourges, John Bucks.

Fourth District—T. G. Walcott, A. J. Paxton, A. Chew, Bohlen Lucas, — Warner.

Fifth District—Jacob Strader, Jeff Moore, Nat Anderson, Calvin Anderson.

Greenville and Vicinity—S. Archer, Davis Buckner, C. W. Lewis. More than usual interest was exhibited by the members of the meeting, and the resolutions to resist the payment of taxes were adopted under the best legal advice, and a determination was expressed by one and all to stand squarely together and contest every attack that might hereafter be made.

On motion the meeting adjourned till Friday, the 27th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m.

CHARLES T. WORTHINGTON, Chairman.

D. L. STONE, Secretary.

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE.

Upon the adjournment of the meeting-called together to consider the tax question, it was urged by many present, and in accordance with the well known wishes of the community, to enter forthwith upon the organization of a "Tax Payers' League."

E. Bourges was called to the Chair, and James Archer made Secretary.

On motion Dr. C. W. Lewis was made permanent President, D. L.

Stone Secretary, and Davis Buckner Treasurer.

It was moved by Colonel W. A. Percy that the Chairman appoint a Central Executive Committee of five—one from each Supervisor's district—whose headquarters shall be at the town of Greenville, and whose duty shall be to appoint sub-committees of four in each Supervisor's district—of which sub-committees the member of the Central Committee from this district shall be Chairman, to make an assessment upon each member of this association of the amount to be paid and the time when it is to be paid by each member to the Treasurer, and to provide for conducting all business of the League, and that the President of this League be President of said Central Committee.

Moved, further, That a committee of three be appointed to draft and report at a meeting to be held on the 27th instant, a suitable constitution and by-laws for the government of this association.

In accordance with first motion the Chair appointed the following Executive Committee:

1st District—C. T. Worthington 2d District—James Stone 3d District—S. W. Ferguson 4th District—A. J. Paxton 5th District—Augustine Chew

And according to second motion the Chair appointed the following committee; J. S. McNelly, Davis Buckner, C. S. Farrar.

On motion, Messrs. Paxton, Chew and Percy were appointed a committee to draft a memorial to the Congress of the United States asking the aid of the Federal Government in the construction of levees on the Mississippi river; said memorial to be handed over to the Board of Levee Commissioners for this district.

The Chairman evinced a determination to do his whole duty, and a like feeling was manifested by all present.

On motion the meeting adjourned till the 27th instant at 10 o'clock a. m. C. W. LEWIS, Pres't. D. L. STONE, Secretary.

Meeting of Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Tax Payers' League of Washington county, Mississippi, at the office of C. W. Lewis, held November 17, 1874.

Present: C. W. Lewis, President, A. Chew, C. T. Worthington, James Stone and A. J. Paxton. Ordered that G. V. Ward, Matt. F. Johnson and Robert Prince be appointed a sub-executive committee, with C. T. Worthington chairman, for the first district.

That Merritt Williams, T. R. Wallis, and F. C. Morehead be appointed for the second district, with James Stone Chairman.

That C. Wardell, E. Bourges, W. E. Hunt and Th. Pohl be appointed for the third district, with S. W. Ferguson Chairman.

That W. W. Stone, Bohlen Lucas, T. G. Walcott and Duke Robinson be appointed for the fourth district, with A. J. Paxton Chairman.

That Tobias Baily, R. L. Wright, Shelton Johnson and Charles Williams be appointed for the fifth district, with A. Chew Chairman.

Ordered that Jacob Alexander be appointed Secretary of this Committee.

Ordered that the Secretary of this committee, by correspondence with similar organizations in the different counties of this State, advise them of the proceedings of the mass meeting of tax payers this day held, and of the organization of this League, and request concurrent action and support.

C. W. LEWIS, President.

A. J. PAXTON, Sec'y pro tem.

Ordered that each member of the executive committee collect one hundred dollars from his district for current expenses, and report the same to the Treasurer of the League on or before the 27th instant.

The New York Tribune considers the late elections the verdict of the country against Grant, and says: "There were only two great questions before the people at this election. One was whether the Administration deserves the public confidence, and the other was whether it ought to be perpetuated. They have both been answered in the negative so loudly that even the President must hear the verdict."

The sandbar across the river is made melodious now with the songs of wild geese, but they are the hardest animals in the world to get a shot at. Although they are there by multitudes every winter and our sports are eager in the hunt for them, very few are killed.

A Very Notable Performance.

It is instanced as perhaps the most striking of the many proofs of the enormous brain power of the great Napoleon, that he could dictate upon different subjects to several secretaries at the same time, or as fast as each could write, and continue such dictation for an indefinite time. The matter is stated as a fact in several of the lives of Napoleon, and I have never seen it questioned in print; indeed, I believe that something very similar is narrated of one or two other celebrated characters.

During one of his visits to his vast possessions in the northern counties of New York, several persons were with Gouverneur Morris in his office one day, when the conversation happened to turn upon the remarkable power of Napoleon to which I have alluded. Some one remarked that the ability to write on two different subjects at the same time with a pen in each hand.

"That is true," was the response, "but I never heard of any one who could do that."

"I think I can," remarked Morris. "Let me try."

Turning to his desk he arranged two blank pieces of paper before him and took a pen in each hand.

"I was about to fill out a description in a deed," he said, "and I must also write a letter to the grantee to accompany the deed. Now let us see if I can do it all at once."

And to the amazement and admiration of all present, each of whom we may be sure scrutinized the performance with critical watchfulness, he did it as cleverly and rapidly as though he had been writing either separately; and the task was performed with excellent penmanship, without blots or erasures, and without a mistake or confusion in expression.

From the New York Tribune.

Immigration Bureau.

The thousands of surplus officials who wear purple and blue livery and fare sumptuously every day at the expense of the people, is one of the most fruitful sources of discontent on the part of the property owners. No wonder that taxes are enormous when such an army of utterly useless officials are quartered upon the people.

One of these eating sores is the Bureau of Education, with its county superintendents, drawing not less than one hundred thousand dollars for services that can be performed for nothing by the citizens of the different counties. Another fester is the Bureau of Immigration—established for no reason on earth but to pension a party favorite. Immigrants need no "lured man" to guide them to the country. They go where the laws are just, the land is good, and the burdens of government light. The New York Tribune draws this picture of the Bureau of Immigration and Agriculture:

The Commissioner is one Griggs, a person of dusky color, who doesn't at all trouble himself about immigration and doesn't know anything about agriculture. The only official function in the exercise of which he is at all resplendent is that of drawing his salary, which he does monthly with great spirit and persistence. Compassionating the fatiguing nature of this service, the last Legislature voted him several "assistants," who receive each the neat honorarium of \$125 per month. One of them, known to his familiars as Charley Bush, was a hackman, who has deserted the box for the bar, and employs his time in absorbing ardent spirits and playing at all-fours. Once in thirty days he appends his name to a receipt for his salary; and that is all the writing the ex-John does in the Department of Agriculture. Another "assistant" is one Shadd, who is also Speaker of the House.

Another is Little, who is a State Senator. Another is Spelman, who is also a member of the Legislature. Such is the Department of Agriculture in a State which sorely needs the very wisest and most conscientious care of its interest. The whole thing is a fraud at once laughable and shameful. What the great Griggs gets we are not informed, but there are five "assistants" drawing annually from the Treasury 12,500 of the most easily earned dollars in the world; if, indeed, so much as one of them can be said truly to be earned at all.

Governor Ames has appointed H. B. Eggleston Mayor of Columbus, Mississippi, the municipal election being illegal and set aside on charges of fraud.

LEVEES AND TAXES.

For the Greenville Times.

BOLIVAR, Miss. Nov. 12, '74.

I thought it might interest you and your subscribers to know how Captain A. L. Pierce, levee contractor, who by his low bids saved this levee district ten or twelve thousand dollars, was getting on. He landed at Neblett's 31st of October, with a hundred convicts, and broke ground on 2d November. The heaviest station, 17 feet, he has completed one section and begun another. He has sub-let a portion at low figures, and seems fully equal to the heavy responsibilities resting upon him. I hear he landed a few days since with a force of white labor at Bolivar, and is going ahead with the work expeditiously. How he has disappointed the high-price men who thought to make a fortune on their contracts in one season.

A new era has dawned upon us, thanks to Captain Pierce, and taught the levee board that earth can be moved as cheap now as before the war. The vast number of competitors has brought things to a level. We are not bound hard and fast and sold to large capitalists, as we were soon after the war, when they took large contracts at 50 cents per cubic yard, and built levees at a cost of about 20 cents per cubic yard, thus making 150 per cent. on their contracts.

I thank you for the exposure of the taxes paid by the country since 1867-8. We can scarce realize that we have become so powerless as free citizens, holding the inalienable (?) boon of elective franchise, as to permit our public servants, the Legislature and Boards of Supervisors, to oppress us in so outrageous and scandalous a manner.

Our officers were well paid before the war, and what were the taxes? four to four and a half mills on the dollar. A hundred per cent. is a large advance on the expenses of an administration; but what would we have said if in 1860 some seer or prophet had told us in a few years we would be paying TEN HUNDRED or (1000) per cent. more taxes than we then paid? Tell it not in Gath! lest the people rebel and fall upon our extortioners and thrust them from the land.

It is well for the peace of the country that the large majority of voters pay no taxes, or nominal ones, or the expropriation in your paper of 17th October of the heavy burden of taxes borne by us would produce a revolution in 30 days. A revolution in public sentiment is going on, if not in arms. Witness the Democratic victories, and let Mississippi officeholders take warning. A deranged currency, high priced provisions, stagnation in business, are prolific sources of revolution. How those who have been overthrown and made nothing can pay their taxes, except by legislative remission. I cannot foresee, Quid Nunc.

National Thanksgiving.

The following is the President's Thanksgiving proclamation:

We are reminded by the changing seasons, that it is time to pause in our daily avocations and offer thanks to Almighty God for the mercies and abundance of the year which is drawing to a close.

The blessings of free government continue to be vouchsafed to us; the earth has responded to the labor of the husbandman; the land has been free from pestilence, internal order is being maintained and peace with other powers has prevailed.

It is fitting that at stated periods we should cease from our accustomed pursuits, and from the turmoil of our daily lives, and unite in thankfulness for the blessings of the past, and in the cultivation of friendly feelings toward each other.

Now, therefore, recognizing these considerations, I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, do recommend to all citizens to assemble in their respective places of worship on Thursday, the 28th day of November, and express their thanks for the mercy and favor of Almighty God and laying aside all political contentions and secular occupations to observe such day as a day of rest, thanksgiving and prayer.

U. S. GRANT, President.

—The Masons and Odd Fellows have rented the upper story of Trigg & Doniphan's brick storehouse on Washington avenue, and are having it fitted up for a lodge room. It is a large hall, and will be a more suitable meeting place for the societies than their former hall.

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